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WESTERN WOMEN IN NEW YORK RESENT DISFRANCHISEMENT

The women of the West are on the war path.

Armed with arguments and legal advice they are out after scalps, and they don't care whose -- Democrat, Republican, Populist or Hottentot, it is all the same to the transplanted tribeswoman from the equal suffrage states who claim they have been defrauded of their citizenship. When Freedom, from her Rocky Mountain heights, unfurled her banner to the western woman the message was taken literally and these women are now calling on the goddess to make good. They want to know why their Uncle Sam, treats them like equals in their own bailiwicks and snubs them when they follow their husbands, or their careers, into the Effete East. They declare it to be a piece of political snobbishness not to be borne in silence.

"It resolves itself into a choice between husband and citizenship", says Mrs. Ina Sizer Cassidy, instigator of the uprising, in an interview given at the National American Woman Suffrage Association headquarters, 171 Madison Avenue. "No woman is going to give up her husband in spite of what the antis say about the vote wrecking the home; so it means that we Westerners must become outcasts and aliens because we are dutiful wives. It is absurd that my husband's right to vote is accorded him unquestioningly in New York as soon as he has acquired the necessary residence while I, who have complied with exactly the same legal formalities, am refused that right.

"I do not believe this unfair discrimination has any legal foundation and I am going to test it out in the courts if I have to go to the highest court in the country. There is a sort of 'gentleman's agreement' between states by which the legal voters of one state may exercise the franchise in any other state. Unless a man has been convicted of a crime this right is never refused him. Yet, when I went with my husband to register, as has always been my custom, his registration was permitted and mine was refused. When I asked why, the clerk said, rather shamedfacedly, that he didn't know. I